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*** 4 2 5 D X N E W S ***
**** DX INFORMATION ****
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- 4K - Jan, DL4XT will be active holiday style as 4K/DL4XT from Azerbaijan between 26 December and 3 January. He will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 40 and 20-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS and QRZ.
- A7 - A71QND is the special callsign for the Qatar Amateur Radio Society to celebrate Qatar National Day (18 December). Also taking part in the celebrations will be the Bahrain Amateur Radio Society as A91QTR on 12-18 December, and the Emirates Amateur Radio Society as A60QATAR on 18-22 December (individual operators may append a serial number to the special callsign), and possibly the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society (9K9QATAR), the Royal Omani Amateur Radio Society as A43QAT, and the Saudi Amateur Radio Society (HZ1QATAR)
- CN - Members of the Association Royale des Radioamateurs du Maroc will be active as CN35CAN during the 35th edition of the Africa Cup of Nations, the biennial international competition for African football (soccer) teams. Morocco will host the tournament from 21 December to 18 January 2026. QSL direct, see qrz.com.
- CT - CS25FB is a special callsign to be used on 13-14 December for the 25th anniversary of Faia Brava, the first privately owned natural reserve in Portugal. QSL via the bureau, or "direct after a donation to Faia Brava" - see qrz.com for information.
- FY - Pierre-Jean, F4GPK will be active again as T02FY from Korou, French Guiana between 22 December and 15 January. He will operate SSB only. QSL via LoTW and eQSL; he does not use Club Log and will "not answer to paper QSL even with green stamps".
- UA - Special callsigns R2026A, R2026C, R2026L, R2026N, R2026NY, R2026S, R2026X, UE26HNY and UE26NY will be active from 29 December to 11 January for the annual "Russian New Year" radio marathon organized by the Miller DX Club (<https://mdxc.ru/>) and the Rostov Oblast branch of the Russian Amateur Radio Union (SSR). QSLs via RQ7L. See <https://hamlog.online/club/mdxc> for the certificates.
- VU7 - AU7RS is the callsign for the 10-22 January DXpedition to Agatti (AS-011), Lakshadweep Islands [425DXN 1798]. The multi-national team includes VU24DX, VU29AR, VU2RS, VU3DXA, VU3GDS, DJ5IW, DL6KVA, EY8MM, R7KW, VE7KW and YT1AD. Plans are to operate CW, SSB and FT8 (F/H) on 160-6 metres with four stations, while a fifth station will be dedicated to QO-100. QSL via M00X0's OQRS. Donations to help offset the significant costs are still gratefully accepted, see <https://www.vu2rs.com/vu7r/> for more information.
- Z8 - Diya, YI1DZ will return to Juba, South Sudan on December 15. His "contract with UN-WFP runs until 30 March 2026, with a possible 11-month extension pending approval. Due to frequent travel and a rotating work schedule that includes leave every six weeks", he is

QRV on the amateur bands as Z81D in his limited spare time, typically during the weekends. He operates SSB and FT8 mainly on 40-6 metres. QSL via OM3JW, Club Log, LoTW or eQSL. [TNX The Daily DX]

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Access to the main functions of www.425dxn.org is provided by the 425DXN App for Android. It is available on Google Play - free of charge, no ads. Enjoy!

C8K: POSTPONED ---> The original plan was for the C8K DXpedition to Mozambique, organised by the Czech DXpedition Group (<https://www.cdxp.cz>), to take place in January-February 2025. However, it was postponed for the first time to January-February 2026 due to safety concerns [425DXN 1757].

Now, due to overlapping work and personal schedules within the team, it has been rescheduled again, this time to September-October 2026. "This adjustment allows the full intended team lineup to participate and helps ensure safe, well-coordinated logistics and the best possible on-air performance", they say. Further information is expected in due course.

CONTEST UNIVERSITY 2026 ---> Registration is now open for the 2026 Contest University (CTU), to be held on 14 May at the Hope Hotel in Dayton, Ohio. This is the day before the Dayton Hamvention officially opens. See <https://www.contestuniversity.com/> for the details.

FT4YM: QRT ---> On 8 December David, F4FKT (FT4YM) announced that "following a bout of flu and the onset of a rather rare symptom", he had to be repatriated to France. He was expected to be in Antarctica until early February 2026.

QSL NOT VIA DL2VFR ---> Effective immediately, Ric, DL2VFR is no longer responsible for the following special or club callsigns:

DA0IARU	DF20DCL	DK75DARC	DM24EHF
DA21WARD	DF70DARC	DL110RG	DM30RSV
DA22WARD	DJ18FWC	DL2024E	DM60IOTA
DA23WARD	DJ60DXMB	DL2024O	DM70DXMB
DA24WARD	DJ70WAE	DL2024R	DP70DARC
DA25WARD	DJ90IARU	DL2024U	DP75AFUG
DB23SOWG	DK0DX	DL21EURO	DP90JMT
DB50AFZ	DK0WAE	DL65DARC	DQ60WAE
DC75DARC	DK65DARC	DL75BRD	DR60ANT
DD75DARC	DK70DARC	DM23BUGA	DR75DARC

Ric has no backlog. Future QSL requests should be sent via the DARC QSL bureau (preferred), or direct to DK50N.

S21DX: POSTPONED ---> The DXpedition to Kutubdia Island scheduled for 21-27 December has been postponed to a later date in 2026. This decision was made after careful consideration of several factors, including logistical and operational challenges in the region, as well as concerns about adequate re-

source availability. The new activation dates will be announced once all necessary arrangements and resources have been confirmed.

VP0SG ---> Amateur Radio DXpeditions (ARD) has reached a key milestone in preparing for the March 2027 VP0SG South Georgia DXpedition [425DXN 1777] by signing the vessel contract for the MV "Meredian". This ice-strengthened vessel is ideal for the sub-Antarctic environment and is operated by 60 South Expeditions, who have significant experience in the region. Progress with the Government of South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands is positive, as they are open to collaborating on plans while the formal permit process will begin in 2026. The operator team is forming, with twelve confirmed operators already and the possibility of two more. Fundraising is now fully underway, inviting support from foundations, clubs and individuals for this unique expedition: <https://www.ardxpeditons.com/dxpeditons/vp0sg>.

USA: 60 METRES---> The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has allocated 5351.5-5366.5 kHz to the amateur service on a secondary basis, with a permitted power of 9.15 watts ERP. The FCC also has authorized US amateurs to continue using four existing channels (centered on 5332, 5348, 5373 and 5405 kHz) on a secondary basis, with a permitted power of 100 watts ERP. The 60-meter allocation is available to amateurs holding a General Class or above license. The maximum permissible signal bandwidth is 2.8 kHz. The new rules will go into effect 30 days after publication in the Federal Register. [Source: ARRL]

+ SILENT KEY + Bob Whelan, G3PJT passed away on 4 December. First licensed in 1961, his main interest was in HF/LF CW operation. He was a strong supporter of the Commonwealth (formerly as BERU) Contest. His book "Reflections in a Rosebowl" (1966), which covers the history of the contest, is still available on <https://berucontest.wordpress.com/>. Dr. Whelan also played very significant roles in the RSGB (firstly as a member of the HF and Management Committees, and then as President for two periods), the IARU, the FOC, and the UK based Radio Communications Foundation.

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Table with 6 columns: CALL, MANAGER, CALL, MANAGER, CALL, MANAGER. It lists various amateur radio call signs and their corresponding managers in a 3x2 grid format.

5J1DX	E73Y	HK1MW	N200	TK0C	S50C
8P5A	HA1AG	HQ9X	KQ1F	TM1MC	F6KCZ
8Q7HT	DL7MDX	IB9T	IT9TQH	TM2025MC	F4WBU
9G1SD	AB0GC	II4TJTB	IQ4FE	TM37MBM	F4LPH
9J2FI	DL1RTL	IP0A	OM2FY	T07A	UT5UGR
A25LS	DB2LS	IP2A	IZ2KXC	T09W	W9ILY
A44A	EC6DX	KL7SB	N4GNR	TT1GD	SP3EOL
A71WW	EA7FTR	KP2B	EB7DX	UN9L	LZ1YE
A91UAE	EC6DX	KP2M	KU9C	UP0L	DL8KAC
AM1200J	EA7URJ	LX7I	LX2A	V26K	AA3B
A05R	EA5URV	LY0UKR	LY7M	V47T	W2RQ
C6AQQ	EA5GL	LY25XMAS	LY2QT	V51WH	DK2WH
CE0Y	RN3RQ	MD4K	G3NKC	VE2IM	VE3DZ
CR3A	OM2VL	OH0X	OH2TA	VK6T	EA7FTR
CR3B	GU4Y0X	OM155BANIC	OM1ARW	VP2MAD	AD7N
CR6I	EA1CBX	OM7M	OM4MM	VP2MMA	AC6ZM
D44FK	SQ9FK	OT7T	ON4CJK	VP9I	WW3S
D450ICV	IK2NCJ	OZ90NRAU	OZ1ACB	WP3A	EB7DX
DP0GVN	DL4BBH	PA25SANTA	PA1AW	Y00H0H0	Y03GND
E2A	E21EIC	PF25XMAS	PC1K	Y00XMAS	Y03GND
E2M	E21LLR	PJ2T	KU9C	YR0UDOLPH	Y03GND
E7DX	E73Y	PJ4/KU8E	K4BAI	ZF1A	K7Z0
EF6T	EA3AIR	PJ4A	K4BAI	ZW5B	PY5EG
EF8R	EB7DX	PJ4K	KU9C	ZZ5K	PP5RT

6Y8LV	Lester B. Veenstra, 452 Stable Lane, Keyser WV 26726, USA
8R1TM	Aldir Blanc da Silva, Rua Luisa Lirio do Vale 155, Praia Campista, Macae - RJ, 27923-080, Brazil
9H6A	Paul Galea, 66 Triq Guze Ellul Mercer, Had-Dingli, DGL 1118, Malta
AH2R	Sato Kouetsu, 9-15 Aoba, Nakayama-machi, Yamagata, 990-0411, Japan
C5YK	Andre Bourbon, Route de Xhoffraix Hockai 30, 4970 Stavelot, Belgium
CQ9A	Valery Zhitkovich, Caminho Pinheiro das Voltas 35, 9000-285 Funchal Portugal
FM8QR	Jean-Michel Suire, 63 Impasse de la Croisee, 85440 Talmont St Hilaire, France
FY5KE	Laurent Haas, 19 rue de la Duee, BP 11, 75020 Paris, France
HB0DX	HAM Radio Interest Group, Breiten 15, 9492 Eschen, Liechtenstein
II2XMAS	Parrocchia di Sant'Eugenio, c.a. don Fabrizio Martello, Via del Turchino 9, 20137 Milano MI, Italy
JW7QIA	Peter Lund, Tungenesveien 195, 4071 Randaberg, Norway
KH0/WB6Z	Hiroyuki Miyake, 1-3-6 Asakura Machi, Maebashi-shi, 371-0811, Japan
KH0D	Hiroyuki Miyake, 1-3-6 Asakura Machi, Maebashi-shi, 371-0811, Japan
KH0W	Thomas M. Callas, P.O. Box 1058, Minnetonka MN 55345, USA
KH6J	Walt Niemczura, 47-757 Hui Kelu St. Apt. 5, Kaneohe HI 96744-4588, USA
LN8W	Tom Sigurdsson, Hasasgrenda 10, 3243 Kodal, Norway
OH0Z	Laurent D. Thomin, 1615 Beaconshire Rd, Houston TX 77077-3817, USA
PP4T	Fernando Cesar Almeida Laguardia, Rua Mendes Pimentel 43, Barbacena - MG, 36205-024, Brazil
T70A	ARRSM Radio Club, Casella Postale 77, 47890 San Marino, Repubblica di San Marino
T88AC	Koh Sasaki, 2-12-2 Chuo Rinkan Nishi, Yamato-shi, Kanagawa, 242-0008, Japan

TZ4AM Gregory J. Carter, 808 Paris Mountain Rd, Rockmart GA 30153, USA
YR0XMAS Petrica Stolnicu, Buzau 7 - Ghiseu 1, CP 12, 120340 Buzau, Romania
Z36T Ace Jevremov, Postfach 14, 82378 Peissenberg, Germany
ZB2BU Gibraltar Amateur Radio Society, PO Box 292, GX11 1AA, Gibraltar
ZF5T Stanford H. Stockton, PO Box 73, Siloam Springs AR 72761-0073, USA

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